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## A BISMARCK STORY.

It Shows the Gentler Side of the Man of Blood and Iron.

The French surgeon Czernicke in his reminiscences of the Franco-Prussian war tells a story that seems to place Bismarck in a new and more gentle light. He says:

"Seated on some straw and propped up against a pillar of the church of Rezonville was one of our poor soldiers, a quite young man named Rossignol. A shell, striking him like the lash of a whip, had carried away both his eyes and the bridge of his nose. leaving the front of the skull bare. This fearful wound was covered with a dressing. He lay there calm, silent

and motionless, in quiet resignation. "Bismarck stopped in front of him and asked me what was his case. He seemed really touched. There is war for you, messieurs, the senators and deputies!' Then, turning to one of his suit, he said, 'Please bring me some wine and a glass.' He filled the glass to the brim, took a sip, and then, gently tapping the shoulder of the poor martyr, he said, 'My friend, will you not drink something? Rousing himself from the deathlike stupor that was creeping over him, the man assented.

"We then saw Bismarck stoop and very softly and slowly give the wounded soldier the wine. Rising again, he drank what was left in the glass and said, What is your name, my boy, and where do you come from? 'Rossignol, from Brittany.' The count then took his hand and said, 'I am Bismarck, my comrade, and I am very proud to have drunk out of the same glass as a brave man like you,' and, stretching his hand over the horribly mutilated head, he seemed to give him a mute

## ANIMAL SWIMMERS.

the Polar Bear.

The rhinoceros and hippopotamus are the Indian elephant crosses great rivers with heavy loads. The elk and the reindeer are first class swimmers. The elk keeps his head above water and crosses directly from bank to bank to avoid turning. The reindeer, on the other hand, turns as often as he likes, keeping his head only a little above

But of all swimmers of all climes the best, though not the swiftest, is the polar bear, who passes half his time in the water swimming and diving. His swimming power is nothing short of miraculous if it be remembered that the water in the regions he frequents is invariably cold and that cold is normally prohibitive to good swimming. There are bears that can swim from forty to fifty kilometers without great

One of the swiftest swimming animals is the squirrel. A sportsman on one occasion, having at hand a squirrel born in captivity which had never seen water, wanted to see if it could swim the center of a lake. The squirrel turn- home with care, ed toward the bank, head and paws above the water, back and tail underneath it, and began to swim so rapidly that the man recovered it when it near ed the shallow water near the land. It is said that even many nonaquatic birds will swim like ducks if an attempt be made to drown them .- Har-

Colors and Light. White has the greatest property of reflecting light of any color and black the least. While white receives the color it immediately sends it away again in the form of reflected light. Black absorbs light. Lay a white and a black piece of cloth on the snow and that under the white cloth will remain as it is, while under the black one it will melt. This suggests a reason as to why white garments are coolest for summer wear. They do not absorb the heat and light from the sun, but reflect it off. In winter the dark absorbs the light and accomplishes more what one wants, so dark clothing is the common thing for winter use. If you want a cool house in summer paint. it white.-New York World.

Terrible Temptation.

"Of course," said the man who was looking out of the window at the heavy rain, "I don't believe George Washington was capable of telling a lie. But I don't consider that cherry tree incident

"Could you devise a better one?" "Yes. I'd like to know what Washington would have said if he had stood at the door of a restaurant on a stormy night and the waiter had hurried up to him with a fine new silk umbrella with an ivory handle and no name on it and said, 'Isn't this yours, sir?' "-Washing-

Home Melodrama. "The cards are marked?" said the

The woman cowered.

"The cards are marked!" he repeat-There was no tragedy however. Seems the baby had got hold of a lead pencil and marked up the euchre

deck.-Washington Herald. Curious, "There's one curious thing about discovering places," said Johnny. "Take Bermuda, for instance. It was discovered by a man named Bermudez. How he happened to stumble on a place with a name just like his beats

Booth-What is the difference tween charity and philanthropy? Rube -Charity doesn't hire a press agent. Cincinnati Enquirer.

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The Man Liked Them, but They Were Not Appreciated by His Wife, An Englishman who spent much time in Bengal tells in Blackwood's Magazine about a couple of pythons that were kept as pets. He says:

"One hears a good deal about the

PYTHONS AS PETS.

snakes, but one sees very little of them at any time and in cold weather nothing at all. Indeed, the only snakes aw were two great pythons which a planter kept in one of his indigo vats for his private delectation. He loved to watch them and feed them and poke them with a stick and see their flat, vicious heads drive at it with the speed and force of a steam hammer. "His wife liked them less because one of them had once escaped from the vat and wandered into her bedroom It was daytime and she was resting from the heat, and, hearing it advance, breathing heavily, she thought it was her somewhat asthmatical fox terrier and told it to lie down. As it seemed to be making for her bed instead, she looked up to find that it was one of the pythons looking for a warm place in You Can Get which to lie. Her screams brought her husband, who, annoyed by this escapade of a pet which his wife had never properly appreciated, thoughtlessly seized it by the neck, with the result that in a twinkling it had knotted itself around his arm and nearly pulped it before his bearer could arrive and get it by the tail.

"Two men, it seems, can deal with a python fairly effectively by grasping each an end of it, thus preventing it from weaving itself into the coils that crush. But no single man is of much use, for the reason that he cannot in the nature of things grasp and keep taut an eighteen foot length of writhing muscle. The planter told me that, as it was, his arm had turned black and blue all over, as if it had been squeezed in a heavy door, and it was weeks before he could use it. But he still loved his python."

REFORMED BY A SONG.

Nordica Saved Her Jewels and Made Thief an Honest Man.

Mme. Lillian Nordica, the singer once upon returning from a concert tour decided to go straight to her villa in France, accompanied only by her maid. She knew there were no servants there at the time, but felt no alarm. They arrived in the early evening and enjoyed being home again. At nearly midnight they sat softly talking together, with only the mellow moonlight flooding the rooms, when they heard a window off the south balcony being raised, and an instant later steps were heard in the hall.

Almost paralyzed with fear-no one to help, no weapon at hand-there flashed over the prima donna a realization of her power of song. "It has Old instruments taken in exchange moved thousands," she thought, and truder, "Home, Sweet Home." The exquisite voice grew steadler, and it rang out in its sweetest, purest strains. Then followed "Old Folks at Home." but her audience had gone. The maid saw a dark figure creep through the window and steal across the lawn and

out of the gate. Some weeks later Nordica received Dear Madame-On the night of the your diamonds, jewels and money, but an angel song rang out in the sweet words of mother's songs, and my hand and heart were arrested, and I vowed never, never again to do aught that would sorrow that

I am now engaged in honest work. God bless you! -Ladies' Home Journal.

Each Otherness. Nothing is of real value in the world except people. Never hurt a person by a wrong thought or by word or by act. Never hurt each other. Then go on a big discovering expedition and find

each other. Never say, "That person has nothing in him," for that only means that you haven't found it yet. Then, last of all, never think you are Reasonable Prices, the only person. You are just a part of "each other." You are not somebody and the rest of us everybody else We are each other. Life is each other ness, not everybody-elseness.-St. Nich-Graves In Pawn.

In times of financial difficulties the Loochooans, residents of the southwestern islands of Japan, sometimes pawn the graves of their relatives. hey are always redeemed, however. failure to do so meaning family disgrace. The turtle back shaped tombs. usually located on a hillside facing the water, are elaborate affairs of stone and cement, and their cost and upkeep often bankrupt the family,

Hopeless. "Why don't you make up your mind to cease permitting your wife to hen-"I have made it up half a dozen

times, but it doesn't seem to do any good at all. She refuses to concede that I have a mind."-Chicago Tribof a tonic or feel nervous and out of sorts in that

English as She Is Spoke. French Chauffeur (to deaf farmer on Maine road)-Can you tell me, sare, rere I get some of ze gazzoline? Farmer (with his hand to his ear)-Hey? French Chauffeur-Non, non, non! Not as soothing as a lullaby did in your infancy | ze hay-ze gazzoline. Ziss eez a motor-

"One o' de mos' curiosest things about a fool," said Uncle Eben, "is de way he'll holler and git mad if you don't let him show off his misfortune." -Washington Star.

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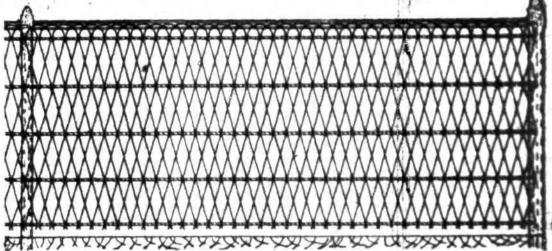
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